

Appl. No. 09/274,979  
Supplemental Amendment

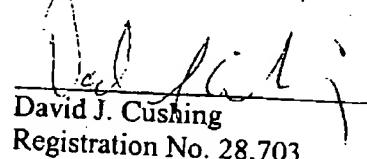
REMARKS

Claims 145-148, 153-164, 180, 181 and 190-219 now stand in the application, claims 132-144, 165-179 and 182 having been canceled and replaced with identical new claims 191-219.

In the Advisory Action mailed October 27, the examiner has refused entry of the amendment filed September 3, 2004 on the grounds that some of the amended dependent claims refer to a succeeding claim instead of a preceding claim. The attention of the examiner is directed to the last paragraph of MPEP 608.01(n)(IV), which clearly contemplates that this may occur during prosecution and is to be corrected by the examiner renumbering claims at the conclusion of prosecution. Nonetheless, since the examiner has already refused entry of the amendment filed September 3, 2004, the amendment is being resubmitted and the issue is rendered moot by the rewriting of all dependent claims which refer to later claims.

Entry of the amendment and allowance of all claims are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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